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WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The orderly ascension to power of a new administration provides a true life example of our political system at work for 102 high school student body officers arriving today for a week-long study of the American democratic process.

President Carter, in his job just over one week, is slated to be among an impressive list of federal officials who, during the coming week, are scheduled to address the delegates to the 15th annual United States Senate Youth Program.

Two students from every state in the nation and D.C. will spend the week of January 29 - February 5 visiting several branches of the government as part of the brief internship co-sponsored by the U.S. Senate and the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. There is no cost to the Federal government.

Scheduled to meet with the delegates during their hectic week are Senators Russell Long (D-La) and Clifford Hansen (R-Wyo), Co-Chairmen of the Senate Advisory Committee arranging the Program, Senators Alan Cranston (D-Ca), Ted Stevens (R-Alaska), Dick Clark (D-Iowa), Lowell Weicker (R-Conn) and Bob Packwood (R-Oreg). House members Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr. (D-Mass), James Wright (D-Tex), Martha Keys and Andrew Jacobs will also address the group as well as Associate Justice Thurgood Marshall and General George S. Brown, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The students will spend time with their respective Senators, in their offices and at a luncheon, participate in a Mock Joint Session of Congress, tour the FBI and Kennedy Center, and visit several Washington landmarks.

The delegates were selected by the chief educational officer in each state based on outstanding ability and leadership qualities. Each will be awarded a \$1500 college scholarship to be presented by the individual Senators and made possible by an additional Foundation grant.

The students are headquartered at the Mayflower Hotel, in Washington, D.C.

To arrange for complimentary photos or stories of your students with their Senators, please call the above numbers.